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SUBJECT: BOEING PAYMENTS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT THE BOEING COMPANY MAY SOON REVEAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COMPANY DURING THE 1971-77 PERIOD. THESE REVELATIONS WILL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF A 6 MILLION DOLLAR AIRCRAFT TO A PRIVATELY-OWNED AIRLINE IN HONDURAS THE COMPANY, AT THE REQUEST OF AN OFFICER OF THE AIRLINE, MADE A PAYMENT OF 360 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ITS REGULAR CONSULTANT WHICH THE AUTHORIZING COMPANY EMPLOYEES UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE USED BY THE AIRLINE OR AN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION FOR AIRLINE OR AIRLINE RELATED PURPOSES.

2. THE COMPANY IS REVEALING THIS INFORMATION SOLELY BECAUSE IT IS REQUIRED TO DO SO, AND BELIEVES THAT NONE
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OF THE PAYMENTS WERE ILLEGAL. THE COMPANY HAS NO ASSURANCE THAT NONE OF ITS FOREIGN CONSULTANTS HAVE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID A PORTION OF MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE COMPANY TO GOVERNMENT OR CUSTOMER OFFICIALS AND SOME COMPANY EMPLOYEES MAY SUSPECT THAT THIS HAS OCCURRED. MOST CONSULTANTS SIGNED AGREEMENTS COMMITTING THEM TO

COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND AGREEING TO HOLD THE
COMPANY HARMLESS FROM ANY FAILURE TO DO SO. INQUIRIES
MADE OF MANY OF THE CONSULTANTS HAVE UNIFORMLY PRODUCED
DENIALS THAT ANY UNLAWFUL OR IMPROPER PAYMENTS HAVE
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